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1. UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WECKMANN HAS BRIEFED US ON SUBSTANCE OF CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS TODAY.

2. NICOSIA AIRPORT: THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO PROGRESS MADE ON ISSUE OF RE-OPENING NICOSIA AIRPORT. CLERIDES REPLIED TO 13-POINT PROPOSAL MADE BY DENKTASH AT JANUARY 20 MEETING (REF. A), BY RE-STATING POINT BY POINT OBJECTIONS WHICH HE HAD MADE ONE WEEK AGO. CLERIDES REITERATED THAT HIS 5-POINT PROPOSAL TABLED AT JANUARY 20 MEETING (REF. B) STANDS FOR NOW AS FIRM GREEK CYPRIOT POSITION. (THIS IS A MUCH MODIFIED VERSION OF OURS AS ORIGINALLY FLOATED BY WECKMANN.) HE MADE EXPLICIT REQUIREMENT THAT DIRECTOR OF AIRPORT MUST BE A GREEK CYPRIOT (PARA 2-B, REF. B). FURTHER, HE REITERATED GREEK CYPRIOT INSISTENCE ON UN PARTICIPATION AS SUPERVISOR OF AIRPORT OPERATIONS. REMAINDER OF CLERIDES JANUARY 20 FORMULATION STANDS, AS DO HIS OBJECTIONS TO DENKTASH'S

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13-POINT PROPOSAL.

3. GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: CLERIDES EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF FUTURE CYPRIOT STATE WHICH, HE SAID, SHOULD BE DRAWN UP ON BASIS OF VIABILITY OF ISLAND'S ECONOMY. ACCORDING TO WECKMANN, CLERIDES GAVE IMPRESSION THAT GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE WAS WILLING TO GIVE UP MOST OF KYRENIA DISTRICT AND HALF OF MESAORIA. AT SAME TIME, CLERIDES INDICATED THAT MORPHOU AREA AND THE KARPASS PENINSULA MUST BE PART OF GREEK AREAS, IN RETURN FOR WHICH TURK CYPRIOT SIDE COULD BE GIVEN ENCLAVES IN LEFKA AND IN NORTHERN TROODOS DISTRICT. DENKTASH TOOK NOTES ON CLERIDES' REMARKS BUT OFFERED NO REACTION. IT IS UP TO DENKTASH TO MAKE SOME SORT OF REPLY ON THIS SUBJECT AT NEXT MEETING, JANUARY 31.

4. CENTRAL POWERS: CLERIDES, WECKMANN SAID, SEEMED MORE INTERESTED IN SKIPPING TO ITEM THREE ON AGENDA, E.G., POWERS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN A FEDERATED STATE. DENKTASH INDICATED NO SUCH INTEREST AND REPLIED ONLY THAT TURKISH VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT AND GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

5. TRANSFER OF POPULATIONS: CLERIDES AND DENKTASH ACTUALLY SPENT MUCH OF TODAY'S MEETING ON QUESTION OF POPULATION TRANSFERS. CLERIDES REGISTERED A STRONG COMPLAINT TO DENKTASH OVER "PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURES" WHICH TURKS WERE APPLYING TO GREEK CYPRIOTS IN AN EFFORT TO FORCE THEM TO MOVE SOUTH. (CLERIDES COMMENTS TO EUR/SE DIRECTOR EAGLETON AND ME THIS REGARD CONTAINED IN REF. C.) DENKTASH POINTED OUT THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS IN NORTH HAVE NO SCHOOLS, NO MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD, AND ARE INEVITABLY SUBJECT OF SUSPICION BY TURK ARMY, WHICH FEARS HIDDEN ARMS CACHES AND INCIPIENT GUERRILLA MOVEMENT. IF THESE PEOPLE WISHED TO MOVE SOUTH, DENKTASH SAID, HE WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO STOP THEM. CLERIDES ARGUED THAT THESE LIMITATIONS AND SUSPICIONS WERE PRECISELY THE PRESSURES HE WAS OBJECTING TO AND THEIR NET EFFECT WAS THE FORCED TRANSFER OF POPULATION WHICH WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE GREEK SIDE.

6. COMMENT: EXPANDING ON THE ABOVE, WECKMANN INFORMED US THAT AT 1700 HOURS (4 HOURS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE CLERIDES-DENKTASH SESSION) A REPRESENTATIVE OF GREEK CYPRIOT TEAM ON HUMANITARIAN SUBCOMMITTEE HAD INFORMED UN THAT ALL TRANSFERS OF POPULATIONS BETWEEN TWO COMMUNITIES WERE NOW SUSPENDED. MOVEMENT UNDER THE
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"SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN CATEGORIES" SUPERVISED BY UN AND ICRC HAS BEEN GOING ON AT RATE OF 25 TO 100 PER DAY IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. IN WECKMANN'S VIEW, THIS UNILATERAL SUSPENSION IS DIRECT RESULT OF GREEK DISPLEASURE OVER TURK PRESSURES TO FORCE GREEK CYPRIOTS OUT OF NORTH.
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